

Also scheduled to appear at 5 p.m. today before Magistrate Judge Nolan is another defendant who was arrested, **Garishkumar Ray**, also known as Garish Ray, 54, of Glenview, who was charged together with **Sam Soans**, of India, in a related criminal complaint. They were charged with conspiracy to distribute prescription drugs other than for a legitimate medical purpose. In addition, Ray and Soans were charged with obtaining and dispensing controlled substances with a fictitious or expired DEA registration number. Ray is the chief executive officer and president of Dawn National Pharmacy (DNP) and Soans is the marketing manager of the website dnrxpharmacy.com. On occasion, DNP filled drug orders for the Calow brothers, who operated the PMeds website. DEA records show that DNP obtained 101,600 dosage units of hydrocodone, the generic name for Vicodin, between January and October 2006, without a valid DEA registration number. In addition, the complaint alleges that Ray and Soans regularly dispensed controlled substances, including hydrocodone, over the Internet without a valid doctor's prescription by utilizing doctors located in Puerto Rico to approve prescriptions without contact with patients.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Schneider.

If convicted, the counts of conspiracy to distribute anabolic steroids or other Schedule III controlled substances carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. In addition, Ray and Soans face a maximum penalty of four years in prison on the charges of obtaining and dispensing controlled substances with a fictitious or expired DEA registration number. The Court, however, would determine the appropriate sentence to be imposed.

The public is reminded that a criminal complaint contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.